

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 5, 6, and 22.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 5 are objected to because of informalities. Claim 1 has been cancelled and claim 5 has been amended to overcome the objection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 3 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Nogami et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,022,808) in combination with Besser et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 6,368,967). Claims 1, 3, and 4 have been cancelled.


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